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1. 25,000 Greek guerrillas reported in USSR--US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow has been informed by the Greek Charge that "eye-witness" accounts indicate approximately 25,000 Greek guerrillas are billeted in and around the city of Tashkent in Soviet Central Asia. The Ambassador adds that the Greek Charge is now convinced, on the basis of this information, that all Greek guerrillas are now in the Tashkent area and that this means there will be no war on Greek borders in the spring of 1950.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that although as many as 25,000 Greek guerrilla refugees may be located in the Tashkent area, the large majority is probably made up of non-combatants, such as, wounded, crippled, women and children.)

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2. INDOCHINA: US urged to recognize Bao Dai--US Consul General Abbott in Saigon suggests that the US recognize the Bao Dai Government simultaneously with or immediately after the UK extends recognition. Abbott expresses the opinion that failure to take such action would be interpreted in Indochina as further evidence that the US is "indifferent and irresolute" in opposing the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that although the UK may extend "de facto" recognition to the Bao Dai Government without waiting for full transfer of power from the French, it is unlikely that neighboring Asian countries will do so until the Bao Dai Government has received full authority.)

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